

2021-2022 Legislation
with Effective Dates of July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022
Updated through S.L. 2021-78

The following public law provisions were enacted during the 2021 session with effective dates of July 1, 2021 through January 1, 2022. Please note: This is not a comprehensive list. For additional assistance please contact a member of the Legislative Library staff at (919) 733-9390.

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2021-22 Legislation 'Effective July 1, 2021'

Session Law	Bill Number	Short Title	Title	Effective Date July 1, 2021
2021-8	SB 387	Excellent Public Schools Act of 2021.	An Act To Modify The Implementation Of The North Carolina Read To Achieve Program In Order To Attain Statewide Reading Proficiency By The Third Grade.	07/01/2021 [See Secs. 7(a),(b),(d),(e), (g),(h)& (j) & 11]
2021-18	SB 113	Modify Termination of Parental Rights Appeals.	An Act To Modify The Right To Appeal In Termination Of Parental Rights Cases.	07/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 5]
2021-23	HB 217	Utilities Commission Technical and Additional Changes.	An Act To Make Technical, Clarifying, Conforming, And Administrative Changes To The Laws Related To Public Utilities And To Increase The Nonutility Filing Fee For A Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity.	07/01/2021 [See Secs. 26 & 28]
2021-35	HB 812	Clarify Remote Meetings During Emergencies.	An Act To Amend The Statute Authorizing The Use Of Remote Meetings During Certain States Of Emergency.	07/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 2]
2021-38	HB 139	Soil Scientist/On-Site Wastewater Certification Board.	An Act To Add A Licensed Soil Scientist To The On-Site Wastewater Contractors And Inspectors Certification Board.	07/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 2]

2021-47	SB 255	2021 AOC Legislative Changes.-AB	An Act To Make Various Changes And Technical Corrections To The Laws Governing The Administration Of Justice.	07/01/2021 [See Secs. 16 & 19]
2021-58	HB 163	Treasury Administrative Changes.-AB	An Act Making Clarifying And Administrative Changes To Laws Relating To The State Treasurer's Investment Programs, The Local Government Commission, And Reports Submitted To The Council Of State.	07/01/2021 [See Secs. 2 & 7]
2021-60	SB 277	Retirement & Treasury Technical Corrections Act of 2021.	An Act Making Technical Corrections And Other Conforming And Clarifying Changes To The Laws Governing The Teachers' And State Employees' Retirement System, The Local Government Commission, And To Other Related Statutes.	07/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 4]
2021-61	H383	Medicaid Modernized Hospital Assessments.	An Act To Revise The Hospital Assessment Act To Account For Medicaid Transformation.	07/01/2021 [See Sec. 6 "except as otherwise provided..."]
2021-62	SB 594	Medicaid Administrative Changes & Technical Corrections.	An Act Modifying Certain Medicaid-Related Provisions Of The 2020 Covid-19 Recovery Act, Updating The Medicaid Program Beneficiary Appeals Processes, Increasing The Amount Of Allowable Therapeutic Leave Under The Medicaid Program, Clarifying The Codification Of Behavioral Health Services Covered By Standard Benefit Plans; and more....	07/01/2021 [See Secs. 1.1, 3.6, 4.8, 4.9 & 5]

2021-75	HB 168	Retirement Administrative Changes Act of 2021.	An Act Making Administrative Changes Related To Contribution-Based Benefit Cap Liabilities Under The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (Lgers) And The Teachers' And State Employees' Retirement System (Tsers); Clarifying Withdrawal Liabilities Under Lgers And Tsers; and more....	07/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 9.1]
2021-77	HB 734	Dept. of Health & Human Services Revisions.	An Act Making Technical, Conforming, And Other Modifications To Laws Pertaining To The Department Of Health And Human Services; Protecting North Carolina Citizens From The Unlicensed Operation Of Mental Health Facilities Or Programs Providing Services Requiring A License Under Article 2 Of Chapter 122c Of The General Statutes; And Modifying The Consumer And Family Advisory Committees.	07/01/2021 [See Secs. 8 & 9]

2021-22 Legislation 'Effective August 1, 2021'

Session Law	Bill Number	Short Title	Title	Effective Date August 1, 2021
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2021-22 Legislation 'Effective September 1, 2021'

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2021-22 Legislation 'Effective October 1, 2021'

Session Law	Bill Number	Short Title	Title	Effective Date October 1, 2021
2021-3	HB 196	2021 COVID-19 Response & Relief.	An Act To Make Modifications To COVID-19 Relief Legislation And Provide Additional Appropriations For The Expenditure Of Federal COVID-19 Pandemic Relief Funds.	10/01/2021 [See Secs. 2.9 & 4.1]
2021-23	HB 217	Utilities Commission Technical and Additional Changes.	An Act To Make Technical, Clarifying, Conforming, And Administrative Changes To The Laws Related To Public Utilities And To Increase The Nonutility Filing Fee For A Certificate Of Public Convenience And Necessity.	10/01/2021 [See Secs. 27 & 28]
2021-32	SB 135	Improve Anatomical Gift Donation Process.	An Act Improving The Efficiency Of Organ, Eye, And Tissue Donation At The Department Of Motor Vehicles By Requiring Donors Who Originally Became Donors In Another Jurisdiction To Consent To The Imprinting Of An Anatomical Gift Statement Or Symbol On The Donor's North Carolina Drivers License Or Identification Card; and more....	10/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 3]
2021-33	SB 241	Modified Utility Vehicle Definition/Use of Funds.	An Act Amending Motor Vehicle Laws Regulating Modified Utility Vehicles And Directing The Use Of Certain Funds Appropriated To The Department Of Transportation.	10/01/2021 [See Secs. 1, 2, 2.3 & 4]
2021-47	SB 255	2021 AOC Legislative Changes.-AB	An Act To Make Various Changes And Technical Corrections To The Laws Governing The Administration Of Justice.	10/01/2021 [See Secs. 1, 13 & 19]

2021-53	SB 50	Estate Planning Law Changes.	An Act To Make Various Changes To The General Statutes Regarding Estates And Trusts.	10/01/2021 [See Secs. 1.1-1.5, 2.1-2.3, 3.1-3.6 & 6.1]
2021-64	HB 642	Down Syndrome Organ Transplant Nondiscrimination Act.	An Act Prohibiting Organ Transplant Discrimination On The Basis Of Disability By Health Care Providers And Health Insurers.	10/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 4]
2021-70	HB 629	Physician Assistant/Nurse Practitioner/STOP Act Clarifications.	An Act To Make Clarifications Regarding The Conditions In Which A Physician Assistant Or Nurse Practitioner Must Consult With A Supervising Physician Prior To Prescribing A Targeted Controlled Substance.	10/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 2]

2021-22 Legislation 'Effective November 1, 2021'

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2021-22 Legislation 'Effective December 1, 2021'

Session Law	Bill Number	Short Title	Title	Effective Date December 1, 2021
2021-36	HB 743	Remove ID Mark/Increase Punishment.	Increase The Punishment For Altering, Destroying, Or Removing Permanent Personal Identification Marks From Personal Property And Removing, Defacing, Destroying, Altering, Or Covering Over Identifying Marks On Certain Machinery, Equipment, And Apparatuses.	12/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 3]

2021-47	SB 255	2021 AOC Legislative Changes.-AB	An Act To Make Various Changes And Technical Corrections To The Laws Governing The Administration Of Justice.	12/01/2021 [See Secs. 17 & 19]
2021-68	HB 238	Prohibit Possession of Skimming Device.	An Act To Prohibit The Possession Of Credit Card Skimming Devices.	12/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 3]
2021-69	HB 272	Revise Health Standard for Lead.	An Act To Update The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Law To Ensure That Young Children Are Not Exposed To Hazardous Lead In Drinking Water.	12/01/2021 Entire Act [See Sec. 5]
2021-77	HB 734	Dept. of Health & Human Services Revisions.	An Act Making Technical, Conforming, And Other Modifications To Laws Pertaining To The Department Of Health And Human Services; Protecting North Carolina Citizens From The Unlicensed Operation Of Mental Health Facilities Or Programs Providing Services Requiring A License Under Article 2 Of Chapter 122c Of The General Statutes; And Modifying The Consumer And Family Advisory Committees.	12/01/2021 [See Secs. 7.2 & 9]
2021-78	SB 605	North Carolina Farm Act of 2021.	An Act To Make Various Changes To The Laws Concerning Agriculture And Forestry.	12/01/2021 [See Secs. 2, 3, 5-7 & 14(b)]

2021-22 Legislation 'Effective January 1, 2022'

Session Law	Bill Number	Short Title	Title	Effective Date January 1, 2022
2021-22	SB 103	Reduce Regulations To Help Children with Autism.	An Act To Reduce Unnecessary Regulatory Constraints For Applied Behavior Analysis.	01/01/2022 [See Secs. 2 & 4]

2021-30	SB 248	Additional Info on Health Insurance Cards.	Include Additional Information On Health Benefit Plan Identification Cards.	01/01/2022 Entire Act [See Sec. 3]
2021-57	HB 160	Retirement Service Purchase Rewrite Part II.-AB	An Act Making Technical, Clarifying, And Administrative Changes To Laws Relating To Service Purchases Under The Teachers' And State Employees' Retirement System, The Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, And The Consolidated Judicial Retirement System.	01/01/2022 [See Sec. 4.1 "except as otherwise provided..."]
2021-77	HB 734	Dept. of Health & Human Services Revisions.	An Act Making Technical, Conforming, And Other Modifications To Laws Pertaining To The Department Of Health And Human Services; Protecting North Carolina Citizens From The Unlicensed Operation Of Mental Health Facilities Or Programs Providing Services Requiring A License Under Article 2 Of Chapter 122c Of The General Statutes; And Modifying The Consumer And Family Advisory Committees.	01/01/2022 [See Secs. 7.3 & 9]